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SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE NEW PURISS, WITHDRAWAL OF POLISH COMMUNIST LEADERS

The following items suggest that Communist purges in Poland will follow sati-Semitic and antinationalist trends evident in other Satellites.

PREDICT POLISH PARTY PURGE -- Mannheim, Ostatnie Wiadomosci, 21 May 52

The adoption of the new Polish Constitution will introduce a new pariod in Poland. The monthly periodical Trybuna (organ of the London H i D /Hiepodleglosc i Demokracja, Independence and Democracy/party) has expressed the following opinions on this subject:

There is no doubt that the Communists will break the 1947 record of falsifying elections and will attain the planned goal of 99.9 percent of the total vote. The Foles know this and have meeted to the propaganda trick with complete indifference. For many Communities, however, the start of the constitutional company works the start of a life-and-death struggle. As a result of strict orders from Moscow, the party is to be purged from top to bottom of the dead-wood handed down from the Lublin period.

The first to go will be the hirelings who paraded the false front of the Democratic Party and the Peasant Party for the last 6 years. Very little Las been heard of these followers lately. Chajnt, the general secretary of the socratic Party, and Josef Biecko, chairman of the Executive Council of the persont pacifiers, are seldom mentioned. With their vote for the new conwith such were will have fulfilled their final role and can by removed from the public sys.

The fate of former socialists will be determined at the moment that Cyrankiewics is removed from his position as premier. The forthcoming period ends a strong hand at the helm.

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A determined battle has been waged for a long time on this matter behind the scenes of the Warsaw Politbure. For a long time Aleksander Zawadzki, an MKVD colonel, who, like Marshal Rokossovskiy, enjoys the full confidence of Moscow, has been the campilate for premier. But the Meader of the party, Boleslaw Bierat, does not like strongly individualistic people around him. Bierut will not easily give up Cyrankiewicz, since the latter is a willing tool. Zawadzki, however, with the backing of the cumipresent NKVD, can probably get the Cyrankiewicz post despite Bierut.

Whatever the outcome, the imposition of a Soviet Constitution upon Poland marks the formal end of one period and the tart of another. An open and intensive economic battle and a complete political purge are now starting in Poland. The ominous German problem foreshedows danger not only for the West but also for the "rative" Communists. A strong hand is needed for this affair.

The fac that the Polish Constitution, like all Satellite constitutions, makes no detailed definition of state boundaries opens all kinds of possibilities for political manipulations in the future.

SPECULATE OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN WARSAW REGIME -- Mannheim, Catathie Wiadomosci, 4 May 52

Warsaw -- Recently, officials who in the first postwar years played small roles have been stepping out as spokesmen of the government and the FZPR (Polska Zjednoczona Partja Robotnicza, United rolish Workers Party).

Boleslaw Bierut alone, of the leading party personalities, has retained his position. The party press gave extensive coverage to his 60th birthuay.

From among his closest collaborators have disappeared not only such people as the Gomulka group, who were eliminated as "Titoists" and "nationalists," but also those faithful to the party line and long-standing members of the Politburo such as Jakub Berman, Hilary Minc, and Roman Zembrowski, of whom less and less is heard.

Edward Ochab now conducts political meetings and demonstrations in place of Berman. Deputy chairman Stefan Jedrychowski, and not Minc, presented the economic plan for 1952. Third deputy chairman Hilary Chelchowski, and not Zambrowski, is the spokesman for agrarian political affairs.

Communists who have passed into the shadows still retain their positions. In Warsaw, different explanations are given for their disappearance from the political stage. Berman, Minc, and Zambrowski all are Jews, and after the removal from power of the Slansky group in Czechoslovakia under openly anti-Semitic slogans, leading Communist Jews cannot push themselves into the foreground.

Another interpretation is that the present unfavorable economic situation in Poland, especially in regard to food, tends to make the economic politicians withdraw from the spotlight until better results are achieved.

NOTE CHANGES IN POLATO -- Tel Aviv, Kronika Tygodniowa, 18 Jun 52

There is a great difference between the Folund of 2 years ago and Folund today.

A friend who had just returned from Poland and who had never taken an interest in politics told me that none of his former acquaintances would speak to him. The police visited him often.

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The country await, important events. There is much talk of a great purge which will affect the great and the small.

The food situation has become much worse, and scapegoats are being sought, including Kinc and Berman. Formerly, it was said that Berman was the only Polish Communist who could join the Ki lin at any time. Today, Berman cannot talk in person even with Rokossovskiy.

A purge is being carried out in the army also. The remaining Polish carreer officers are disappearing and are being replaced by a new generation faithful to the party. High-ranking officers are either Poles educated in the USSR or Russians.

There seems to be opposition in the People's Democracies in the form of national Communism, on the order of Titoism. As long as there is peace, the opposition is of no danger to the regime, but with the outbreak of ver it could be a menace. This anti-Communist front in Eastern Europe threatens the USSR more than the Communist front threatens the rear of the West.

MAXE DIPLOMATIC CHANGES -- Tel Aviv, Kronika Tygodniowa, 18 Jun 52

Consul Tee, who for 2 years has carried out the functions of Polish consulgeneral in Tel Aviv, is returning to Warsaw to an important position. Tee, who was in Priestine long before the Israeli insurrection, belonged to the Zwiazek Patrictow Polskich (Union of Polish Patricts) which opposed the London Polish government and General Anders. Perhaps he will have more luck in using his knowledge of Hebrew than his predecessor, Loc, of thom there has been no news for the last 6 months.

The question now is whether Poland will finally establish an embrssy in Israel or, as at present, will be satisfied with a consulate. Israel has maintained an embassy in Warsaw for 4 years, while Poland stops at a consulate. This is contrary to international custom and should be remedied. All that is known now is that the next Polish representative in Israel will not be a Jew.

SEES JEWISH POLISH OFFICIALS BEING SHOVED INTO BACKGROUND -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 28 Apr 52

Visnna, l April -- When Boleslaw Bierut, Folish President and Communist leader, recently celebrated his 60th birthday, the party's congratulations were extended by a party functionary who was little known a few year ago, a former metalworker from Krakow named Edward Ochab. Since Ochab's entry into a Politburo, after the fall of former Secretary-General Gomulka, he has always been the one to deliver speeches on "ideological" clarifications of the party program.

Jakub Berman, who previously served alone as the Politburo's theoretician, has been stepping more and more into the background during the past few year, and Gomulka's chosen successor in the cabinet, mine leader Zawadzki, is striously ill. The purpose behind the economic plan for the year was stated before the Parliament not by the leading national economist of the government and the Politburo, Hilary Minc, but by Dr Stefan Jedrychowski, who now regularly appears as the spokesman for the government in matters of the national economy. Minc still occupies his post as deputy chairman and coordinating economist, but now appears publicly only rarely.

Party Secretary and Polithuro memoer Roman Zambrowski no longer speaks as in former years of the awkward situation of Polish agriculture, which recently necessitated tighter controls in food rationing, but rather the speeches are given by the peasant agitator, Rilary Chelchowski, who has been advanced to

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deputy chairms, or by one of the ministers of agriculture. There has been complets elience concerning the energetic lambrowski, who during the early postwar perce beld a number of important party and government positions.

How can one explain this shift among the leading Communist figures. of whose from the first group only Rierar has been able to strengthen his position sinus the end of the war? Many observers in warsaw point out the fact that the politicisms who have faded into the background, Berran, Minc, and Zembrowski, are all Jews, and link their decline to the currents of anti-Remitism in the Satellite states. This trend has been observed most clearly in Czechoslovakia in, for example, the "Slansky affair." It is presumed by Western Europeans that Marshal Robossovski; is the one who introduced this policy in Warsaw, but the selection of certain of his closest associates contradicts this assumption. Other interpretations are based on the premise that men such as Minc in the present extraordinarily critical economic situation in Poland are not particularly disposed personally to be associated with the unpopular measures intended to return communication and to step up production and that Berman would prefer that the adapting of science, literature, theater, etc., to the Russian model be carried out by men with genuinely Folish names. — I.B.

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